GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - MA&UD Department – Allegations levelled against Sri V.V.Siva Koteswara Rao, the then Assistant Engineer, Ramachandrapuram Municipality for violation of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rues, 1964 - Departmental proceedings initiated - Enquiry conducted - Charges treated as 'not proved' - Further action dropped - Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Vig.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 436 **Dated: 10-08-2021**

Read the following:-

1) From the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, A.P., Hyderabad, Letter, Rc.No.184/RCT-REG/2006, Dated.18.04.2007.
2) G.O.Rt.No.1320, MA&UD (Vig.IV.1) Department, Dated.07.11.2007.
3) Written Statement of Defence of Sri V.V.Siva Koteswara Rao, Municipal Assistant Engineer, Ramachandrapuram Municipality, dated.19.12.2007 received trough the ENC (PH), A.P., Guntur, Letter, dated.16.06.2008.
4) G.O.Rt.No.768, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.06.08.2018.
5) G.O.Rt.No.889, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.18.09.2018.
6) From Sri G.Naga Raju, RDMA & Enquiry Officer, Rajamahendravaram, RoC.No.567/2018/A3, Enquiry Report, dated.30.12.2019.
7) Govt.Memo.No.19011/Vig.I/2006, dated.07.06.2021.
8) Written Representation of Sri V.V.Siva Koteswara Rao, Assistant Engineer, Bhimavaram Municipality, dated. Nil.

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O R D E R:

Whereas, it has been brought to the notice of the Government by the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, A.P., Hyderabad that, Sri V.V.Siva Koteswara Rao, the then Municipal Assistant Engineer, Ramachandrapuram Municipality, East Godavari District committed misconduct by violating 9 (2) of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964, as he obtained Bank Furniture Loan in his name without taking prior permission or giving any intimation to the competent authorities and he diverted the amount for his own use. In the reference 1st read above, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, A.P., Hyderabad submitted a final report and among others, recommended to initiate disciplinary action against Sri V.V.Siva Koteswara Rao, the then Municipal Assistant Engineer of Ramachandrapuram Municipality, East Godavari District for violation of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

2. Whereas, in the reference 2nd read above, Government initiated disciplinary proceedings duly framing the articles of charges against Sri V.V.Siva Koteswara Rao, the then Municipal Assistant Engineer, Ramachandrapuram Municipality, East Godavari District and directed him to submit his written statement of defence thereon.

3. Whereas, in the reference 3rd read above, Sri V.V.Siva Koteswara Rao, Municipal Assistant Engineer, Ramachandrapuram Municipality submitted his

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written statement of defence. Among other things, he informed that, due to ignorance and non-aware of conduct rules, he could not obtain permission from the competent authorities, but obtained loan through Municipality and finally requested to exonerate him from the charges.

4. Whereas, Government after following due procedure, issued orders, vide G.O. 4th read above, appointing Sri G.Naga Raju, Regional Director-cum Appellate Commissioner of Municipal Administration, Rajamahendravaram, as an Inquiry Officer to enquire into the charges framed against the charged officer and two (2) other officials of Ramachandrapuram Municipality. In the reference 5th read above, Sri P.V.Surya Mohan Rao, Inspector of Police, ACB., Rajamahendravaram Range, Rajamahendravaram was appointed as Presenting Officer, to present the case before the Inquiry Officer on behalf of Disciplinary Authority.

5. Whereas, in the reference 6th read above, Sri G.Naga Raju, Regional Director-cum Appellate Commissioner of Municipal Administration & Inquiry Officer**,** Rajamahendravaram submitted his enquiry report and reported that, the CO has himself admitted that he has taken an amount of Rs.1,00,000/- loan from the Vijaya Bank, Ramachandrapuram through Municipality but not directly. During the process of the loan application, the department has not raised any objection for applying bank loan. Further, he mentioned that at the time of salaries, he had paid from the General Funds but not through the Treasury. Due to financial problems, he had taken loan for domestic expenditure and his mother's ill health and stated that the amount was not utilized for the purpose of procurement of furniture. Hence, the Inquiry Officer held that he had not committed mistake or being things wrongly and requested the Govt. to take a suitable decision in this regard.

6. Government have examined the matter duly following due procedure and keeping in view of the findings given by the Inquiry Officer, treated the charge framed against Sri V.V.Siva Koteswara Rao, the then Municipal Assistant Engineer as not proved. In the reference 7th read above, while communicating a copy of enquiry report under Rule 21 (2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991, the charged officer Sri V.V.Siva Koteswara Rao was directed to submit his written representation on the findings of the E.O.

7. In the references 8th read above, Sri V.V.Siva Koteswara Rao, Assistant Engineer, Bhimavaram Municipality has submitted his written explanation and among other things, he has requested to consider his explanation and to exonerate him from the charges.

8. Government have examined the matter and taking into consideration of the findings of Inquiry Officer and written explanation submitted by the charged officer Sri V.V.Siva Koteswara Rao, it has been decided to drop further action against Sri V.V.Siva Koteswara Rao, the then Municipal Assistant Engineer, Ramachandrapuram Municipality, and present Assistant Engineer, Bhimavaram Municipality.

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9. Accordingly, Government hereby order to drop further action against Sri V.V.Siva Koteswara Rao, the then Municipal Assistant Engineer, Ramachandrapuram Municipality, and present Assistant Engineer, Bhimavaram Municipality.

10. The Engineer-In-Chief (PH), A.P., Guntur shall take further necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

11. The receipt of the G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Y.SRI LAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri V.V.Siva Koteswara Rao, the then Municipal Assistant Engineer,
Ramachandrapuram Municipality and present Assistant Engineer,
Bhimavaram Municipality - **through** the ENC (PH), A.P., Guntur.
The Engineer-In-Chief (PH), A.P., Guntur, A.P., Guntur.

Copy to:

The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Guntur
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The Commissioner, Ramachandrapuram Municipality, East Godavari District.
The Commissioner, Bhimavaram Municipality, West Godavari District.
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SECTION OFFICER.